

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND  
ASSEMBLIES THEREOF USEFUL  
IN THE DETECTION OF THE  
PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID  
SEQUENCES IN A SAMPLE

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, which response is being made following a telephone interview held with the Examiner on May 13, 2003, on or before May 27, 2003 and for which no extension fees are due. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: